

November 19, 1999

**TO** : Federal-State Small Group  
**FROM** : Mary Selkirk *Mary Selkirk*  
**SUBJECT** : Outcomes from meeting, November 16, 1999

The following is a summary of outcomes and actions from the November 16<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Federal-State Small Group.

**1. EIS/R Finalization**

Mary Scoonover distributed a draft document outlining all of the various work products that must be completed by the time of, or in completion of, the Record of Decision.

**Outcome:** Steve Ritchie requested that agencies communicate any changes or additions to the document to Mary Scoonover by COB Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup>.

**2. South Delta**

- Tracy Fish Facility: Stein Buer noted that during the recent Tracy FF workgroup meeting, DWR raised concerns about its role as a lead agency on this project. A question had been raised as to the State taking a lead agency role, since the Fish Screen Facility is primarily a Federal project. Patrick Wright commented that while there may not be a legal requirement, there are other reasons why the State should take a leading role. Jerry Johns suggested that DWR could prepare environmental documentation, with the State Board certifying. Jim Monroe of the COE noted that their permitting process requires some involvement from the State.

**Outcome:** CALFED staff was directed to address the State's role directly with Cathy Crothers and Randy Brown, and to report back with a solution at the next Small Group meeting on November 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Lead: Stein Buer

- FY 2000 South Delta funding: Frank Wernette reported that South Delta planning funding requirements through June 30, 2000 is around \$900,000.

**Outcome:** Steve Ritchie asked NMFS, COE and USFWS to review and confirm that it looks right.

**3. CALFED Report on Water Supply Impacts**

Agreed that this report becomes part of a briefing packet for a meeting between Governor Davis and Secretary Babbitt by the end of the year. Mike Spear suggested further discussion of what should be in this report.

**Outcome:** Steve Macaulay committed that DWR (and USBR) will come back with a sample briefing document by the next Small Group on November 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**4. WMDT Update**

WMDT and agencies will meet later today and put together presentation for Policy Group meeting tomorrow.

**Action:** Regarding response to Ag urban letter, CALFED will convene a small meeting with some members of the ag-urban coalition.

**Lead:** Steve Ritchie

**5. EIS/R Common Responses**

A meeting to address the Hood diversion issue has been scheduled for November 29<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

**6. EIS/R Common Responses**

- **Science and Monitoring**

**Outcomes:** Small Group agreed that the Science and Monitoring component of the proposed FY 2000 Ecosystem Restoration funding package should be deferred until more detail is developed for the Policy Group. The remainder of the funding package was OK'd for advancement to the Policy Group on November 17<sup>th</sup>.

Steve Ritchie acknowledged that CALFED does need an answer on the general integration of IEP and CMARP and the science agenda of CALFED, as well as further detail on the Science and Monitoring funding component. Steve will follow up on this.

- **Delta Protection Commission**

Discussion of project application notification process and concern from the Delta Protection Commission that they were not adequately informed of three land acquisition proposals in the FY 2000 package.

**Outcome:**

- (1) Recommend that the Policy Group approve the full package, approval of Delta projects conditioned on working out State coordination issue (Delta Protection Commission is a State agency). CALFED staff will appear before the Commission at its November 18<sup>th</sup> meeting to brief them on the projects.
- (2) Recommend adding Delta Protection Commission to the Policy Group.

**7. Other**

- Tom Hagler requested briefing on ERP Focus Group and on the non-ecosystem funding for water conservation on November 23, 1999.
- Mike Spear announced that USFWS would like to do a presentation on the North Delta refuge on December 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Next meeting** of Federal-State Small Group: Tuesday, November 23, 1999  
Room 1142

**Draft Agenda:**

1. EIS/R
  - Common Responses
  - Follow-up on Mary Scoonover's document
  - Grant Line Canal language
2. Environmental Water Acquisition Framework
3. Follow-up on Tracy Fish Facility environmental documentation